GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
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POWER SHORTAGE
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether some neighbouring countries are extending help to India to meet the power shortage in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to meet ever increasing demand for power supply of the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED)

(a) & (b) : India and Nepal have terms of co-operation for bilateral exchange of power for mutual benefit. The quantum of power exchange between India and Nepal during last three years is given below:

(Figures in MU)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Export from India to Nepal	150	112	145
Import by India from Nepal	186	158	97

India and Bhutan have terms of co-operation for exchange of power. Power generated at Chukha HEP (4x84 MW) and Kurichu HEP (4x15 MW) implemented with Indian technical and financial assistance, is exported to India. The quantum of power exchange between India and Bhutan during last three years is given below:

Figures in MU)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Import by India from Bhutan	1401	1752	1736
Export by India to Bhutan	1.54	2.18	2.35

(c) : Electricity being a concurrent subject, supply and distribution of electricity in a State is in the purview of the State Government/State Power Utility concerned and Central Government has a complementary role in adding generation capacity in the Central Sector through Central Public Sector Undertakings.

Steps being taken to improve generation and availability of power in the country include targeted capacity addition of 41,110 MW for 10th Five Year Plan, exploitation of hydro potential at a fast pace, creation of a robust National Grid for optimum utilization of generation capacity and inter-regional transmission of power, up- gradation of sub-transmission and distribution system in States, demand side management, energy efficiency and conservation measures, providing interest subsidy on loans by the Power Finance Corporation for renovation and modernization and life extension of old and inefficient generating units, early stabilisation of newly commissioned units, tapping of surplus power of captive power plants etc.